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Funding was provided for Travel Awards for US participants in the 5<sup>th</sup> International Marine Biotechnology Conference held in Townsville, Australia Sept 29-Oct 5, 2000. This was an extremely successful scientific meeting with over 300 participants from more than 30 countries in attendance. The US was well-represented with 49 participants, including scientists at every level from senior researchers presenting Keynote and Plenary addresses to junior scientists, Postdoctoral Researchers and graduate students. Funding for travel awards, in addition to the ONR contribution, was provided by the Department of Energy, the National Science Foundation, Maryland Sea Grant, the Society for Industrial Microbiology, the Center of Marine Biotechnology and Dynamac Corporation Environmental Services. Travel assistance is likely to have significantly increased the number of participants from the US, especially more junior participants who may not otherwise have had any funds available to attend this meeting. Attendance at the conference was valuable in gaining insights into the latest developments in the important emerging discipline of Marine Biotechnology.

Funding from ONR was used specifically for Travel Awards for the following participants in the IMBC meeting:

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In summary, the ONR funds were successfully used to advance participation by US  
scientists in the important emerging field of Marine Biotechnology.